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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS & E-MAIL

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
Telecommunications Division
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110

**Re: D.T.E. Docket No. 06-56 – Petition of Charter Fiberlink MA-CCO, LLC for
Arbitration of an Interconnection Amendment**

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Charter Fiberlink MA-CCO, LLC ("Charter") hereby files in the above-referenced matter the Parties' Joint First Stipulation of Issues.

Please contact the undersigned counsel for Charter if you have any questions about this matter. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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cc: Carol Pieper, Hearing Officer
DTE 06-56 Service List

**BEFORE THE MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY**

In the Matter of

Petition of Charter Fiberlink MA-CCO, LLC
for Arbitration of an Amendment to the
Interconnection Agreement Between Verizon-
Massachusetts, Inc. and Charter Fiberlink MA-
CCO, LLC Pursuant to Section 252 of the
Communications Act of 1934, as Amended

D.T.E. Docket 06-56

FIRST STIPULATION OF ISSUES

On June 23, 2006 Charter Fiberlink MA-CCO, LLC ("Charter") filed for arbitration to resolve issues in connection with an amendment to the interconnection agreement between Charter and Verizon New England Inc. d/b/a Verizon Massachusetts ("Verizon MA"). Charter identified five issues in its arbitration petition. Verizon MA responded to the petition and moved to dismiss the petition by filings dated July 18, 2006. On July 26, 2006 Charter filed a response to Verizon MA's motion to dismiss. On that same day, Charter and Verizon MA both filed supplements to their respective petition and answers. In Charter's supplemental filing, it identified four sub-issues under its enumerated Issue No. 5. In Verizon MA's supplemental filing, it identified three additional issues. On August 2, 2006, Verizon MA filed a response to Charter's supplement filing requesting that three of the sub-issues Charter identified under its enumerated Issue No. 5 be stricken from the arbitration. By entering this stipulation,

Verizon MA does not waive any of its claims that the issues identified by Charter are not subject to arbitration.

The Parties hereby stipulate as follows regarding the status of the eleven issues identified in the filings listed above

I. Unresolved Issues

Since the filing of Charter's petition on June 23, 2006, the Parties have not resolved the following issues as set forth in the filings identified above: Charter Issue 1 – Should the Amendment include language that conditions Charter's right to request a fiber meet arrangement on the existence of a requisite level of traffic exchanged between the Parties, or other similar conditions?; Charter Issue 2 – Should each Party be responsible for the cost of all facilities and necessary arrangements on its respective side of the Fiber Meet arrangement?; Charter Issue 3 - Should the location of the Fiber Meet arrangement be limited to within three (3) miles of Verizon's central offices; and, should Verizon's obligation be further limited to deploying no more than five hundred (500) feet of fiber?; Charter Issue 4 - Should the type of traffic to be exchanged over the Fiber Meet arrangement be limited in any way; and, should Charter be required to pay Verizon additional charges in order to exchange all types of traffic over the Fiber Meet arrangement?; Charter Issue 5(a) – Should the Amendment specify use of a SONET terminal or an add/drop multiplexer?; Charter Issue 5(b) –Should the Parties be allowed to use multiple terminals in a ring configuration?; Charter Issue 5(c) – Under what conditions should each Party provide notice to the other of upgrades or changes to the fiber meet equipment?; Charter Issue 5(d) – What are the Parties' compensation obligations for construction and/or implementation expenses generated by a move or

change to the fiber meet point arrangement where changes to the fiber meet point arrangement are necessitated by an order or directive of a governmental entity?; Verizon Issue 1 –Should the deployment of fiber meet arrangements and associated trunking within fixed time intervals be subject to reasonable conditions, such as Charter’s completion of certain milestones during the construction of the fiber meet arrangement?; Verizon Issue 2 –Should the Parties be able to agree to modify fixed time intervals for provisioning the fiber meet arrangement and associated facilities and trunks?; Verizon Issue 3 – Should the parties’ fiber meet amendment include provisions that are repetitive of other provisions in the amendment or the Parties’ underlying interconnection agreement.

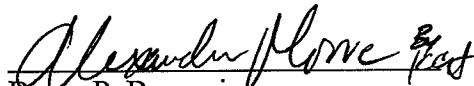
II. Resolved Issues

None.

Respectfully submitted,

Verizon Massachusetts, Inc.

By its attorneys,

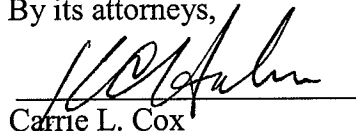


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Dated: August 3, 2006

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Gina Lee, hereby certify that on August 3, 2006, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing First Stipulation of Issues via Federal Express and electronic copy upon the following:

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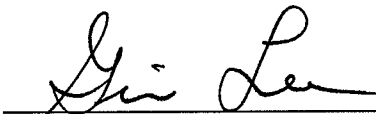
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